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The situation of Palestinian women and childen

Note by the Secretary-General

1. By its resolution 1991/19 of 30 May 1991 entitled "Situation of and assistance to Palestinian women", the Economic and Social Council requested the Secretary-General to continue his investigation of the situation of Palestinian women and children and to report to the Commission on the Status of Women at its thirty-sixth session on the implementation of the recommendations and conclusions contained in the report of the mission of experts. 1/ In the same resolution, the Council requested the Secretary-General to monitor the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the mission of experts to Jordan and the Syrian Arab Republic to investigate the condition of Palestinian women and children 1/ in order to improve the situation of Palestinian women in the occupied Palestinian territory.

2. Accordingly, plans were made to send a consultant to the region to acquire the required information. In a note verbale of 5 August 1991, the Secretary-General, in order to continue his investigation of the situation, and to present to the Commission a report on the status of women in the occupied territories, particularly in relation to education, employment, health and decision-making, requested the Government of Israel to provide confirmation of its "support for this consultant's visit to take place in order to proceed with the necessary administrative measures".

3. The Government of Israel, through its Permanent Representative to the United Nations (Vienna), replied on 20 August 1991 as follows:

> "The Permanent Representative of Israel refers to his note dated 13 November 1990 and would like again to emphasize the fact that the above mentioned resolution contains already conclusions concerning the situation in the territories, which makes - in the opinion of Israel - an additional investigation completely unnecessary."

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4. In the absence of an appropriate means of acquiring the information required by the resolution, the Secretary-General is not in a position to provide a report.

Note

1/ "Review and appraisal of the implementation of the Nairobi Forward-looking Strategies for the advancement of women: The situation of Palestinian women in the occupied territories: Note by the Secretary-General" (E/CN.6/1990/10, annex I).